

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 226 - HB 641

April 14, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends the law on licensing fees paid by home care organizations (HCOs) authorized to provide only professional support services. Such HCOs are to pay an \$800 annual fee, unless they fit one of the following conditions, then the fee is \$200:

- The HCO also pays a license fee to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- The HCO is owned and operated by therapists who pay a fee to be licensed as occupational and physical therapists or communication disorder specialists.
- The home care organization is owned and controlled by another home care organization.

Amends the definition of *personal support services* by removing therapy services and direct therapy services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On April 1, 2003 we issued a fiscal note on this bill which indicated the impact as: *Forgo State Revenues - \$120,000*, based upon the assumption that 200 additional HCO personal support services personnel would pay the reduced fee of \$200 instead of \$800.

Based on additional information provided to us, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

Forgo State Revenues - Less Than \$50,000

Other Fiscal Impact - In the absence of the bill, the number of professionals who will provide services to DMHDD clients may decline resulting in increased cost to the state to contract with such professionals.

Professional support services personnel, under contract with the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, will be required to pay a fee of \$800 to the Department of Health under licensure rules for Home Care Organizations based on legislation passed in 2002 instead of their current fee of \$200. The Department of Health has identified approximately 75 additional professionals that may be impacted by the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director